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### WHEAT IN FORD COUNTY.

The extent of the fall wheat acreage in the neighborhood of Dodge City will reach 600 acres. That number of acres of ground is being prepared for the planting of spring wheat. This crop is found productive in Western Kansas and will be largely cultivated in the future. This is emphatically a wheat country, and the production of this cereal will yet become the principal feature in the pursuits of this rich stock and agricultural country. The markets for our products will be found in the grazing regions of the south and the mining and grazing country in the west. Wheat at 50 cents per bushel is a productive crop in this section; the yield after a proper cultivation of the ground reaching as high as 40 bushels to the acre.

We were about correct, as we learn on further inquiries, in placing the acreage of fall wheat in Spearville township at 12,000 acres; but we had miscalculated the number of acres sown in that portion of Hodgeman county lying north of Spearville. In making our estimate we only considered that portion lying north of Dodge City. The eastern part of Hodgeman county is as far advanced as the eastern portion of Ford county. Instead of 1,000 acres Hodgeman county has about 10,000. Quite a difference in noting the rapid development of a new country. Taking the growth of our agricultural resources within the past two years, we may confidently estimate the acreage of wheat next fall at over double the amount, say at least 35,000 acres of fall wheat alone in Ford county. Added to this the cultivation of spring wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, grasses, and other products, we realize the advanced step we have taken in the march of progress.

### COAL RATES.

From the best information we can learn, Trinidad coal will be furnished at this point at the rate of seven dollars per ton. This is a desirable consideration, as the matter of fuel supply is an important one, and strikes nearest to the family support. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company has made a special coal tariff from the mines of Trinidad, by which coal can be laid down at all the stations along the line, as well as connecting lines, at prices that will insure a large trade. The rate to Pueblo is \$3 per ton; West Las Animas, \$3 35; La Junta, \$2; Dodge City, \$3 75; Great Bend, \$3 88; Hutchinson, \$4 20; Newton, \$4 55; Wichita, \$4 80; Topeka and all points beyond, \$5.

The superior excellence of Colorado coal will make it even at this rate a tolerably cheap fuel commodity. Probably by the extension of the railroad to the Canon City coal mines, the price of coal will be further decreased.

### COLONEL W. H. LEWIS.

The Boston Traveller says of the late Lt. Colonel Lewis, who was recently killed in an engagement with the Indians:

"Lieut. Col. Wm. H. Lewis, who was recently killed in an engagement with the Indians, was a native of Alabama, a graduate of West Point, and one of the few Southern men who remained true to the flag during the rebellion. From 1861 to 1865 he was stationed in New Mexico, and did not have the opportunity for gaining distinction enjoyed by many men who were his inferiors in soldierly qualities."

### FOREST TREES.

We hope no one interested in the cultivation of these broad prairie, will neglect the important part he should perform; that of planting forest trees. The season has arrived when this matter should be looked after. Walnuts are unusually abundant this year, and the seed should be purchased as soon as they are gathered and planted in the ground where they are to grow. Cottonwood cuttings can be obtained now. These will grow without any care, from slips, which can be found in large quantities almost anywhere along the Arkansas river. The cuttings could be "heeled" in for spring planting. Experience on Kansas soil has proved the following named varieties as the leading ones for cultivation: Black Walnut, Green and White Ash, Red Cedar, Kansas Willow, Box Elder, Honey Locust, Coffee Bean, Hackberry, Cottonwood, Soft or Silver Maple. Those native of Kansas soil are the best. The Osage Orange is hardy and grows rapidly, and is durable and valuable. The Catalpa upon the highest and driest soil, makes a healthy growth. The tree is valuable for planting in new countries, where quick growth and lasting qualities of the timber are desired. It is hardy and grows true to seed, which can be easily and cheaply obtained. We have experimented with the catalpa, and it is growing finely. We hope our Ford county farmers will give this matter their early and earnest attention. They know too well the value of forest trees to be urgently solicited in this important and beneficial culture.

A large number of citizens in the vicinity of Dodge City are preparing ground for the fall planting of fruit and forest trees. In the eastern part of the county about 1,000 acres will be planted in forest trees. There is a large number of fruit and forest trees already in cultivation in that part of the county. A few years will make a wonderful improvement in the appearance of this county, rendered so by the cultivation of fruit and forest trees. The manifold benefits to be derived by this culture is apparent, and the advantages are being used.

### INDIANS AND THE ECLIPSE.

The Philadelphia Inquirer furnishes the following extract from a letter received by ex-Mayor Fox, from a relative resident at Fort Sill, Indian Territory:

"On Monday last we were permitted to see the eclipse of the sun in a bright sky. Not a cloud was visible. We had made ample preparation, laying in a stock of smoked glass several days in advance. It was the grandest sight I ever beheld, but it frightened the Indians badly. Some of them threw themselves upon their knees and invoked the Divine blessing, others flung themselves flat on the ground face downward; others cried and yelled in frantic excitement and terror. Finally one old fellow stepped to the door of his lodge, pistol in hand, and, fixing his eyes on the darkened sun, mumbled a few unintelligible words, and raising his arm, took direct aim at the luminary, fired off his pistol, and after throwing his arms about his head in a series of extraordinary gesticulations, retreated to his own quarters. As chance would have it, that very instant was the conclusion of totality. The Indians beheld the glorious orb of day once more peep forth, and it was unanimously voted that the timely discharge of that pistol was the only thing that drove away the shadow and saved them from the great public inconvenience that would have certainly resulted from the entire extinction of the sun."

The Atchison Weekly Champion, the largest newspaper in Kansas, is a valuable and interesting, newsworthy journal, which should be in the family of every farmer. It is a reliable newspaper, sound in politics, and contains all the important State and general news. It is especially a Kansas newspaper, devoting attention to the interests of the State. It is furnished at \$1.50 per year.

### THE MYSTERIOUS FEVER.

For some weeks past a dangerous and fatal fever has been prevalent in Kinsley, and which has baffled the knowledge of the physicians. The Graphic says "the fact is patent that some local cause underlies the sickness which has so mysteriously come to our hitherto healthy young city. It is confined to the town entirely."

Imperfect drainage, the effluvia from ill-constructed outhouses, and the sluggish condition of Coon creek, in the opinion of the Graphic, have had much to do with the matter. The presentation of this subject may be of interest to our readers, as the warm weather is not yet over; though with cleanliness Dodge City could withstand any scourge. Dr. French, of Garnett, writes to Capt. Meeker, of Kinsley, who was prostrated with the disease. The following is an extract of the letter:

"The disease is probably a severe grade of remittent fever, resembling in many of its symptoms typhus. If the disease is confined to your town, the probability of the typhus character is still stronger, and the authorities should examine every small hut or house to detect poison or effluvia of human bodies in small ill-built dwellings of the poor, as no matter how or when originated, one patient in his morbid emanations might poison the whole town. Sinks and stagnant places of water, in cellars or otherwise, should be removed and everything cleansed, and the drinking water of any public well should be carefully examined; as any animal matter, even a dead cat, may be the cause of all your troubles. See that drains from privies do not run into the wells, etc."

The most successful business men of America are not college graduates. The great mass of those who to-day guide the manufacturing, railway, commercial and political interests of the nation, never studied the classics or higher mathematics. One of two inferences is fair: either that the ablest boys were not sent to college, or that the drill of business life disciplines the mind as well, for all purposes, as that of a college. Many persons speak of education as if they meant graduation, and as if only those were educated who have graduated from some college. When the Creator ordained, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," He endowed and equipped a world's university, in which, through Divine processes and impelled by resistless forces, pupils obtain a very practical training that somehow enables them to bear away from college the greater number of esteemed prizes of life. Whether this training be an "education" or not, it serves the same purpose in all the vocations except the professions, and in them to a greater extent than many suppose.—[Manhattan Independent.]

### YELLOW FEVER SYMPTOMS.

The first symptoms of yellow fever, says a correspondent in the South, are heaviness and slight chill, then suppression of the urine, puffed face, glassy eyes, beautiful flushed skin, pink eye-lids, pulse 120, temperature 101 to 106. Soon vomito begins, which is simply a hawking sound and spitting of a coffee-ground substance from the stomach, which sinks to the bottom of the vessel. The patient, after several emissions feels well and would get up if allowed. No pain, no evidence of concern, either by look or action. The pulse begins to run down to 90, 80, 70, 50, 40; then comes the pinched nostril and mechanical breathing. They sit up; want to get up; are induced to lie down, and quietly pass away.

The Republican platform of Kansas denounces "the issue of an irredeemable 'absolute money' legal-tender scrip as a species of repudiation, which would ruin the credit of the nation and the business interests of the country." It favors an "honest greenback, that shall always be worth its face in coin, and that it be issued in the largest volume that can be kept afloat at par with coin to which end we favor a law of congress by which the volume of greenback currency in circulation shall always obey the natural law of supply and demand."

### THE ELECTIONS.

Elections occurred Tuesday for Congressmen, legislative and minor offices, in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and West Virginia. The returns indicate that the Republicans have carried Ohio by about 15,000 majority, with no loss of Congressmen. Indiana gives 8,000 Democratic majority, but the Legislature and a majority of Congressmen are Republican. Iowa goes Republican by over 30,000 majority. West Virginia elects two Democratic and one Republican Congressman, a Republican gain. The Greenbackers and Nationals didn't cut much figure, except to insure Republican victories.

### INDIAN NEWS.

All is quiet on this border and no further Indian troubles are apprehended. The renegade Cheyennes have succeeded in getting north. A dispatch from Sidney, Nebraska, of Tuesday, says a courier from Carlton's command on Snake creek, arrived, and reports that Carlton's advance discovered a ranch of scouts of the Cheyennes on the night of the 3d, 35 miles southeast of Snake creek, stating if not discovered by the Cheyennes, Carlton would engage them the next day.

Col. O'Bairne telegraphs the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from White Clay agency on the 7th via Camp Robinson, Neb., that a scout just arrived there and reported that Red Cloud and chiefs were only fifty miles distant and coming in.

Severe Indian troubles in the northwest are not improbable.

A serious railroad accident occurred near Boston, Tuesday. Ten persons were killed and 100 wounded. The train of twenty cars, containing 1500 excursionists, was thrown from the track. The passengers were returning from witnessing a boat race. The train was densely packed.

Read the article on the "Nature of Vegetation" from the pen of Major H. Inman. The immense fertility of the plains is accounted for by the process of vegetation.

The President has issued a proclamation and directs the military to suppress lawlessness in New Mexico.

### SPEARVILLE.

SPEARVILLE, KAN., OCT. 5, 1878.

To the Editor of the Times:

The events of the past week transpiring in our town have been quite exciting to our people. The most prominent events have been the numerous prairie fires. The first fire originated at the camp of some parties from Colorado, about a half mile east of town on the north side of the railroad track about 12 o'clock last Sunday. The wind was blowing a terrible gale from the south and the fire spread very rapidly. From parties who have come in town within the last few days we learn that the damage has been immense. Some have lost everything, and quite a number have lost a large quantity of hay. The parties were arrested and brought back for trial, but were acquitted by a Jury. It was proved that they had had fire there in the morning and that the fire originated within ten feet of the wagons; and they testified themselves that it did, and that they tried to put it out before they drove off; but the jury saw fit to bring in a verdict of no guilt. Several other fires were started south and east that have done considerable damage.

Notwithstanding the Indian scare people continue to arrive looking for locations for homes.

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